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Applicant : Marc DE BLOCK
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 5, 2007 ("Restriction Requirement"), in the above-captioned application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions for an one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the Restriction Requirement. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.17(a). Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including April 5, 2007. In the event that any fee is deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to enter and consider this response or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

This response is provided in the following format: 04/06/2007 JADDO1 00000050 10552552

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.